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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN MARITIME BOUNDARIES

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1. DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS JOE KELLER HAS APPROACHED
THE EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE U.S. CLAIM TO A 200-MILE
FISHERIES JURISDICTION. WE HAVE SHARED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
REF C. KELLER HAS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OBTAINING A COPY OF THE
FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976. (PLEASE POUCH AS SOO
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AS POSSIBLE.) KELLER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARATION OF THE GOL DOCU-
MENT WHICH WILL DEFINE THE TWO HUNDRED MILE
"TERRITORIAL SEA AREA" RECENTLY DECLARED.

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2. KELLER CONFESSED THAT THE MARITIME AFFAIRS OFFICE WAS TAKEN BY
COMPLETE SURPRISE AT PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER DECEMBER 24
DECLARING A 200-MILE ZONE. HE IS AWARE THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE
EXECUTIVE ORDER MIGHT BE IN CONFLICT WITH GOL POSITION AT LOS
NEGOTIATIONS AND IS UPSET THAT NEITHER MARITIME AFFAIRS NOR
LIBERIAN LOS REPRESENTATIVES WERE CONTACTED PRIOR TO THE
DECLARATION OF A 200-MILE CLAIM. KELLER AGREES WITH THE

EMBASSY VIEW THAT TOLBERT'S ORDER IS A DIRECT RESULT OF GOL-GOSL TENSION REPORTED REF B. ACCORDING TO KELLER, THE EXECUTIVE ORDER IS VALID FOR ONLY ONE YEAR. BY THAT TIME KELLER HOPES LOS NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT GOL WILL RATIFY THE NEW TREATY.

3. NO MAP OF THE LIBERIAN CLAIM IS AVAILABLE. TEXT OF TOLBERT'S DECEMBER 24, 1976, EXECUTIVE ORDER FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF LIBERIA TO 200 MILES.

WHEREAS, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND DELIMIT THE TERRITORIAL SEA AND CONTIGUOUS ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA WAS PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF LIBERIA AND APPROVED JUNE 24, 1968; AND WHEREAS, BY THAT ACT, THE TERRITORIAL AREA OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA WAS EXTENDED TO A DISTANCE OF 12 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASE LINE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA; AND WHEREAS, IT HAS NOW BECOME NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION OF THE COASTLINE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND PRESERVE THE INTEREST OF THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE OVER AN EXTENDED AREA OF THE SEA ADJACENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY IN ME VESTED TO HEREBY DECLARE THAT, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS ORDER, THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA SHALL EXTEND TO A DISTANCE OF TWO HUNDRED (200) NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE BASE LINE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 24TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 1976. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR., PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA END TEXT. CARTER

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